

Hi Fans,

The softball game on the 4th of July was a fizzle for the Carpenters. They were whamoed by the WCAU personalities 12 to 0. I have no details on the game yet except that Karen was the pitcher. More on the game next letter. There's been numerous inquiries concerning Carpenter Music books. There's been a number of them published and sold in music stores but the three that are available thru the Fan Club are BRADLEYS BEST OF THE BEST (\$2.25), one for piano and one for organ and CARPENTERS GOLD for piano - vocal - guitar (\$6.50). Prices include postage and handling. All three are sheet music size but there is a difference in the thickness. GOLD is approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick, has 24 pages, words and music to 33 songs and contains 8 colored pics of K & R. BRADLEYS has 40 pages, words and music to 13 songs and NO pics. MEMO TO NEW MEMBERS: Posters, patches, pennants, pens, keychains, bumper stickers, wallet pics and back issues of Newsletters are available. Now let's go to New Orleans and meet K & R where the French Quarters was home to them during their stay there. They did a lot of room changing before they found rooms that were suitable to them - so much in fact that their luggage had quite a time catching up with them. Finally, settling into some very lovely rooms, they ordered snacks sent up to them and were flabbergasted to discover the "snack" was enough to feed 20 people. Dinner that night was at the PLANTATION. The food was excellent. The Corpus Christie concert crowd was very receptive and R & K appreciated their responsiveness. The concert sponsors gave them an after-show party in their hotel where a professional hairdresser was among the guests. He kept touching R & K's hair and asking Maria all about it. It was so soft and silky he couldn't believe it was their own! R said the Brownsville audience was the best they have ever played to. They not only gave K & R a standing ovation but they honored Skiles and Henderson the same way. Good deal. They surely deserve it. K said she'll never forget the heat there and the HUGE insects. Truly Texas size. For dinner that night they drove across the border into a pretty little Mexican town. They remember Abilene for the limo driver who gave them quite a fright when he drove the wrong direction on a one way street. Later he was told to take K & R to a restaurant but instead, followed the first limo that was taking the rest of the group back to the hotel which was on the opposite side of town. In Lubbock they had shower trouble. Seems there was no water pressure. Then they found themselves and their abundance of instruments and equipment, overflowing a minute stage. But of course, the show went on. Amarillo was another fun spot. For a change of recreational pace, the group bought Frisbees. They also managed to play a game of softball in the concert hall before the gig, which was a sell out. They even placed chairs in the light booth! They enjoyed shopping in a huge shopping center but lost track of their rented car in the sea of parked vehicles that surrounded it. They searched for some time and when the others gave up, K and Bill continued the search and finally located it. They had gone out a different door than they had entered. (Haven't we all had a similar experience?) Tornadoes, thunderstorms and rain plagued them throughout Texas. One of the jokers in the group called Tony and told him to go to a shelter because a tornado was due. Poor Tony packed his suitcase and was on his way before discovering it was all a practical joke. In spite of bad weather, big bugs, wild drivers, etc. K & R enjoyed the Texas tour and were impressed by the beautiful white limos that transported them back and forth to concerts. Oklahoma City offered a lovely concert hall and the two shows they did there were performed before appreciative audiences. The concert sponsor served Chinese food to all show personnel, backstage. The hotel they had made reservations with was "something else". They arrived amid pouring rain and gusty winds to find the hotel had lost their reservations and had no room for them. They finally settled in at a Holiday Inn. After the show they drove miles out into the country to attend a party which turned out to be a question and answer session with guests doing the questioning and K & R answering. The Holiday Inn in Springfield, Mo. was a huge rambling complex with troublesome doors that jammed. The reluctant doors refused to open and it took some doing to get into rooms. It was here that the Roadies decided to pull a practical joke on Bear. They knocked on his door, enticed him to step into the hall, then slammed his door and took off. So there he was - locked out of his room in his underwear! K says there must have been a Cowboy convention taking place there as they saw quite a number of these handsome weatherworn creatures, and it sounded like every one of them clumped above their beds in boots and spurs at 6:00 o'clock in the morning.

JUST RECEIVED WORD ON THE WALLINGFORD SOFTBALL GAME AND GOOD NEWS THIS TIME. CARPENTERS WON THAT ONE 15 - 3 !! Hooray! OTHER GAMES SCHEDULED ARE HOLMDEL, NEW JERSEY, JULY 19; PINE KNOB, MICHIGAN, JULY 28; and UNIVERSAL CITY, CAL., AUG. 8. Will keep you posted on scores. / Unhappily we report that Tony Peluso is absent from the group due to illness. He is now out of the hospital doing the recuperation bit at his home. I'm sure we all wish him a speedy recovery. Will pick the group up in Columbia Mo. next month and rap with you then.

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